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In re Application of:

YONG-WOON HAN *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/890,440

Examiner: PHILIP LEUNG

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Art Unit: 2742

For: DRIVING CIRCUIT OF DC MICROWAVE OVEN AND METHOD OF
CONTROLLING THE SAME

RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to Paper No. 4 dated 15 September 2003, entry of the following response and examination on the merits are respectfully requested.

In Paper No. 4, the Examiner imposed a requirement under 37 CFR §1.146 that Applicant elect between:

- Species I, covered by claims 1-6, 12-15 and 19-25; and
- Species II, covered by claims 7-11 and 16-18.

In compliance with the requirement, Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, Species I.

Claims 1 through 6, 12 through 15 and 19 through 25 as set forth in the published application, read

upon Species I.

Applicant respectfully traverses this requirement for the following reasons.

First, § 1.146 pertains to applications "containing a generic claim to a generic invention". The Examiner has failed to identify any generic claim. Consequently, the requirement is improper.

Second, the field of mandatory search for both species is coextensive; there is no advantage in imposing the requirement. Its withdrawal is respectfully requested.

No fee is incurred by this Response.

Respectfully submitted,



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